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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: CHALICE [REDACTED] Film Delivery

REFERENCE: General Cabell's Conversation with
Major General Walsh reference above subject

1. This paper sets forth reasons for delay of film delivery to the Air Force. It describes two issues concerning the above subject, both of which are elaborated in Attachments 1 and 2. Attachment 1 explains the actual handling and delivery schedule of material from the last [REDACTED] mission. The second issue is concerned with the present procedure for releasing the newly acquired information gleaned from CHALICE- [REDACTED] missions.

2. Attachment 1 reflects in column 7 the time difference between delivery to Joint Intelligence Group (PIC), who prepare the ODE, (Priority I) and delivery time to the Air Force (Priority III). The 59 hours and 15 minutes delay in the delivery of Air Force film can be traced to the figure in column 4-F, 57 hours of which were due to [REDACTED] equipment breakdowns (column 2). The breakdowns occurred in a processor (2 on hand) and in the film titler (2 on hand). [REDACTED] estimates that a \$55,000 expenditure, for the purchase of a third processor (\$35,000) and the refurbishing of a titler (\$20,000), should lessen chance of future equipment failures.

3. To deliver a simultaneous copy of the mission "take" to PIC and the Air Force would necessitate a 4-5 hours delay in departure of the pickup aircraft from [REDACTED] see column C, Attachment 1).

However, this 4-5 hours delay could multiply if the other agencies demanded the same service. An expenditure of \$150,000 for additional processing and titling equipment would provide increased reproduction capacity and reduce the time per copy from 4-5 hours to 2-3 hours. The present capacity is deemed adequate considering the frequency of activity. The aircraft schedule will be adjusted to expedite all deliveries.

25X1A9a 4. The subject covered in Attachment 2 deals with the present problems connected with the dissemination of TALENT information. This paper was prepared by [REDACTED] (ARC Chairman). The condensed version of this paper expresses the need for very tightly controlled "hold down" agreement within ARC and the orderly release of "take" results, thus avoiding the competitive scramble to be a first in the release of sensational information.

5. DPD is recommending by separate papers to the DD/P that:

a. Present ARC priority system remain in effect and, to satisfy the Air Force complaint, the necessary refurbishing and purchasing expenditures (\$55,000) be made to insure against future delays due to equipment breakdowns.

b. Present reproduction capacity is adequate.

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Attachments - 2
As noted above

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